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EXTREMELY CONCERNING

Student union president expresses tuition fee worries

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COMMENTS made by the vice-chancellor of Oxford University about charging higher tuition fees have been branded as "extremely concerning" by the president of the university's student union.

Professor Andrew Hamilton believes institutions that provide superior education should be allowed to charge higher tuition fees despite students already paying £9,000 a year at Oxford.

According to Prof Hamilton, the new system introduced by the government in 2012 has done little to help the financial position of the university, which must currently address a shortfall of more than £70m every year in its undergraduate teaching income.

Now, he wants top universities such as Oxford to be allowed to

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charge higher tuition fees in comparison with institutions who do not achieve the same academic standards.

However, Tom Rutland, president of the Oxford University Student Union expressed displeasure with Prof Hamilton's comments, which were made in the vice-chancellor's annual oration to the university on Tuesday.

"Students' pockets and futures have already been raided when the government trebled tuition fees in 2010," he said.

"The idea of students paying even more is unthinkable and will be opposed by students in Oxford and across the country.

"This generation is paying more and more, even as graduate employment prospects are worsening and the cost of living is rising.

"It is extremely concerning to hear talk of fees potentially increasing, especially from the

vice-chancellor of our university."

Prof Hamilton said that the current system "seems out of kilter" and tuition charges closer related to "the true cost of the education provided" is something he believes will certainly have to be considered in the future.

He continued: "What matters surely is that an institution's charges are clearly aligned with what it offers and that they are demonstrably not a barrier to student access.

"In other words that robust and generous financial support remains readily available for students who most need it."

However, Mr Rutland said: "With such strides forward in our access schemes and bursary packages in recent years, the discussion about increasing fees further risks alienating and pricing out those people we are reaching out to."

Prof Hamilton was keen to point out that an increase in tuition fees would not prevent

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Rose Hill centre is given the go ahead

A PLANNING application for a new community centre in Oxford has been approved.

Oxford City Council's East Area Planning Committee voted to allow a new community centre in Rose Hill to be built, which could be completed by early 2015.

The new centre will bring together several facilities, including a social club, youth club and advice centre, while the existing sports pavilion will also be replaced within the new building.

It will be set back from Ashurst Way on the site of the current children's playground, which will

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be moved to a new venue.

Councillor Ed Turner, deputy leader of Oxford City Council and ward member for Rose Hill and Iffley, said: "It is fantastic news that the application was approved."

"We can now get going with planning the building of this great facility for the community."

"We're grateful to everyone who has provided feedback, which has been taken on board

as far as possible. This is going to be a very exciting building and will give our community a real boost."

But Bill Buckingham, 92, secretary of the current community centre's committee, had concerns that their views had not been taken into account.

He said: "We've been promised a like for like building, and up to now they haven't kept their word regarding the Norman Brown Hall [in the existing centre]."

"In that hall we get at least 100 people, but the one they're going to get in the new building, I'm told, is a third of the size of the

one we've got now.

"This means there will have to be a lot of functions stopped because it wouldn't be big enough, so what we're hoping is that local councillors will get on to the developers to resurrect the Norman Brown Hall to what we require."

"Another thing is you've got quite a walk up to where they're going to build it, but otherwise I suppose it has its merits and we must look forward to it being an aspect of the estate."

The existing community centre will remain open while the new one is being built.

Isabel and Alice claim silvers in Weymouth

OXFORD Sailing Club windsurfers Isabel Lawrence and Alice Read celebrated two podiums at the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Zone Championships, competing alongside other Olympic hopefuls.

Both came second in the respective categories, with Isabel competing in the Bic Techno 4.5 class and Alice in the 7.8 class in Weymouth.

The events taking place at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on September 28 and 29 were one of three events going on in Southern England, with over 1,000 competitors taking part.

James Tilley, RYA event director, said: "The racing was really close and competitive on both the dinghy and windsurf courses all the way through the

fleets.

"It's been great to see so many young smiling faces out on the water."

The championship traditionally marks the end of the junior racing season, and proved to be one of the biggest and most popular events on the RYA racing calendar.

It is split across nine venues nationwide, and attracts numer-

ous sailors, supporters and volunteers from clubs and training centres from around the UK.

For more information about the RYA racing programme, visit their website: www.rya.org.uk/racing.



Armed robbery at Banbury bookmakers

POLICE are searching for an armed robber who made off with around £4,500 from a Banbury bookmakers on Monday night.

The suspect is believed to have entered the Stan James bookmakers on the High Street at approximately 8.50pm brandishing a firearm, demanding to a sales assistant that she hand over money.

He is believed to be a white male of Eastern European origin, about five foot six tall and was wearing a black zippered-up hoody, dark blue jeans, black and white trainers and a balaclava.

The assistant said that the

suspect spoke in broken English, and left his rucksack and balaclava at the scene. A search of the area uncovered a BB gun in nearby Church Walk.

No-one was injured in the incident.

Inspector Dave Hibbard said: "Thankfully this type of incident is rare, and we are doing everything we can to locate and arrest the suspect."

"There is no risk to the public, and police patrols will continue around the area to reassure people and for them to ask questions."

Anyone with information should contact DS Chris Whitwell of Banbury CID on 101.

News Bites

World record

ABINGDON could be the scene of a Guinness World Record later this month, as charity Against Breast Cancer hopes to get as many people as they can to take off their bras in the Market Square.

They are hoping to break the record of 'most bras worn and removed in one minute', which currently stands at just nine when it was set in Germany last year.

The attempt will take place at 10am on October 26.

Road collision

A CYCLIST in his twenties was taken to hospital after colliding with a van at The Plain in Oxford yesterday morning, although his injuries are not believed to be serious.

The accident took place at around 9.30am outside the Cape of Good Hope pub, causing delays on the road while the ambulance was at the scene.

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Fishermen step in to save drowning woman

Half marathon returns to the city this weekend...

THE third Oxford Half Marathon takes place through the streets of the city on Saturday, with the hope of raising thousands of pounds for charity.

Starting outside the Kassam Stadium, the route takes runners past the MINI factory, towards the city centre and back down to Rose Hill and Littlemore, before completing the circle at the stadium.

Helen and Douglas House has been confirmed as the headline charity for the marathon along with 12 other charity partners, although participants are free to raise money for whoever they like.

This is the first time the

half marathon has sold out in its three-year history, with 5,500 people expected to take part.

A number of bands will also be lining the 13.1 mile route, where runners will be able to vote for their favourite at the end of the race.

Whoever is chosen as the winner of the 'Battle of the Bands' competition gets £500.

All competitors taking part in the half marathon will be given a medal, as well as a t-shirt.

For more information about the day's events, go to www.oxfordhalfmarathon.com.

QUICK thinking from two fishermen helped to save an elderly woman's life after she fell into the River Thames in Little Wittenham near Didcot.

Roy Walker from Buckingham and Mark Seagroatt from Swindon heard the shouts of an elderly couple, aged 69 and 70, while they were out fishing last Sunday afternoon.

Mr Walker and Mr Seagroatt found a woman in the water, trapped between a boat and the river bank, and a gentleman trying to keep his wife afloat.

"I loosened the front guide ropes on the boat to push it away from the bank because if we had jumped on while it was still tied up we would have squashed her," explained Mr Walker, who is a carpenter.

The couple were pulled out of the water and given precaution-

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ary checks by the emergency services but did not require any further medical treatment.

It was the first time in two years that Mr Walker had decided to fish in the spot near Days Lock.

The 43-year-old added: "A woman came running up to us and said 'there's a lady in the river' so I went over and had a look.

"You just see someone in distress and you don't think about it and help them out.

"All I could see to start with was her arms holding on to the side of the boat and her husband was quite panick-stricken.

"I was only doing what you expect anyone else to do."

The couple had moored up to have a picnic by the water.

However, the elderly female lost her balance when getting to her feet and fell in to the water between the couples' boat and the steep river bank.

Incident commander Jon Walker from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "As a service we would like to extend our thanks.

"We clearly don't advise people to wade into these situations but human instinct does take over and we would like to commend them on their actions.

"This outcome could have been far worse but due to the prompt attendance and joint working between all three emergency services and the public a tragedy has been avoided."

Tuition fee concerns

• From front page people from studying at Oxford saying that any move must be "with the strongest guarantees that price can be no impediment to talent".

The vice-chancellor also did not rule out the possibility of the university raising the money by the issuing of bonds.

"Many, indeed most, of our peer organisations internationally – confronted by broadly similar challenges – have opted to borrow," Prof Hamilton said.

"The favoured way of doing so has been to issue a bond.

"But none of this means that such a course of action is necessarily right for Oxford."

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Nick and Sue help give out some crime prevention tips



• Nick Ross and Sue Cook at the Bicester crime prevention roadshow on Saturday

CRIMEWATCH hosts Nick Ross and Sue Cook were in Bicester on Saturday, as part of a crime prevention roadshow run by Thames Valley Police taking place in the town.

Police were on hand to offer advice to the public about burglaries, the number of which traditionally increases in the winter due to longer nights and people not being at home.

They also demonstrated timed lights and sensors for people to

fix to their houses, which would hopefully deter potential burglars from entering a property.

The Bicester roadshow followed on from a similar event in Banbury at the Castle Quays Shopping Centre on September 28.

Detective Inspector Steve Duffy said: "The roadshows showed real appetite from the public to engage with us in this type of activity. We were extremely grateful to Sue and Nick for attending."

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City council hit back at claims over black cabs

OXFORD City Council have voted in favour of setting an age limit of 12 years on black cabs, in what they hope will reduce pollution levels in the city.

But Green councillors in Oxford have criticised a move by the Labour-controlled city council to reject an amendment that would have seen low emission vehicles excluded from the age limit.

The Greens believe that taxi firms may be discouraged from investing in low emissions vehicles, such as electric and hybrid cars, if they then cannot be used after 12 years.

In addition to the age limit for black cabs, a 10-year limit has also been introduced for private hire vehicles.

Green Group leader Cllr Craig Simmons said: "We didn't seek to remove the age limit, what we did was sought to provide an exception to it for low emission vehicles."

"Why throw out the whole of the car when it's only essentially the engine which is the problem? With new electric or hybrid engines, they could keep the shell of the car."

"New vehicles aren't necessarily less polluting than older ones – in most cases they are – but there

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are notable exceptions.

"It can backfire and could lead to good vehicles being taken off the road and being replaced with worse vehicles, and also taxi drivers not investing in low emission vehicles."

But Labour councillor and Oxford City Council leader Bob Price disagreed, and believed the amendment was unnecessary.

He said: "As usual, this is tripe. The proposals for a 12-year maximum life for hackney cabs do not take effect until 2016."

"The purpose of having this maximum is to ensure that the overall quality of the taxi fleet is high and meets the expectations of residents and visitors for safety, comfort and efficiency."

"There is no reason to think that it will discourage the purchase of low emission vehicles; a number are in service at the present time and I am sure that this will continue."

"The permissible level of emissions for all vehicles is reducing steadily and the council's regular checks on taxis ensure that these limits are not exceeded."

Boris' dad joins fellow Exonians on Kili trip



• The team from Exeter College reached the summit of Kilimanjaro last Thursday

EIGHTEEN people from Oxford University's Exeter College, including Boris Johnson's father Stanley, have completed their climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in honour of the college's 700th anniversary.

They climbed the Tanzanian mountain using one of its toughest routes on a trek that took the team eight days to complete, raising over £25,000 for the college in the process.

The group finished the challenge last Thursday, after setting off on September 27 and travelling through jungle, moorland, desert and high mountain snowfields.

Stanley Johnson said: "I climbed Kili in 2010 and am just so pleased to 'bag' this great mountain a second time for such an inspiring cause."

Other members in the group included emeritus director of the Royal Society Peter Collins,

college development officer Emily Watson and a number of other old Exonians.

They took the Lemosho route up the mountain, and were led by guides Anna Crampin and Julius John White, who last year was the first Tanzanian to win the Explore Tour Leader of the World award.

Anyone wishing to sponsor one of the climbers can go to www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/kilimanjaro.

News Bites

Awards night

NOMINATIONS for this year's Oxfordshire Sports Awards close at midday tomorrow.

The awards dinner is on November 29 at the Kassam Stadium with 11 awards up for grabs.

If you know a sports person, club or team that deserves recognition, visit www.oxfordshiresport.org to nominate.

Celebrations

THE Duke of Kent is attending a special service in Oxford this Thursday to celebrate the life, work and legacy of William Morris.

Taking place at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, the service will mark 100 years since the first Bullnose Morris rolled off the production line in Cowley and 50 years since Lord Nuffield died.

The service starts at 5pm and there will be a display of vintage cars in Radcliffe Square.

Weir update

WORK at Iffley Weir may be completed by tomorrow.

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The footpath diversion will remain in place until November 8.

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Second place

OXFORD University has come joint-second in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for the second year running.

The university also topped the Clinical, Pre-Clinical and Health table for the third consecutive year, while improving its position in five other subject tables.

Professor Andrew Hamilton, vice-chancellor of the university, said: "It is always pleasing to see the hard work and dedication of colleagues across the disciplines at Oxford recognised."

"It is particularly gratifying to see our world-class work in medical sciences once again acknowledged as the best in the world."

Hate waste

DEMONSTRATIONS and advice on using leftover food are being held in Oxford during October, as part of the national campaign 'Love Food Hate Waste'.

It is run locally by the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, who will be at County Hall today and Oxford University Freshers Fair on Merton Road tomorrow.

They will also be at the North Parade Farmers Market on October 26.

Elitist perception is dwindling says Castle

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FORMER British number one tennis player Andrew Castle believes the elitist perception of the sport is finally dwindling.

The 49-year-old is an ambassador for Virgin Active and visited the chain's club on the Woodstock Road, Oxford, last Thursday along with head of racket sports Gary Stewart.

Adult members were given two coaching sessions and got the chance to watch Castle play an exhibition set.

The former world number 80 also took part in a Q&A about his time on the circuit.

He explained: "We play tennis with members and we just give them as high a level of coaching that we think they can absorb."

"We give them things to think about and to work on so they can advance."

"We make them tired and hope they enjoy the experience."

Mr Stewart, a former professional himself, added: "In the sessions that we run we have a lot of fun."

"We like to think that our enthusiasm for the game rubs



• Andrew Castle (Picture by Sarah Victoria Williams of Tigerleaf Photography)

off on the members."

Tennis is currently in a golden era with Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray pushing the sport to new heights.

British tennis is also on the up with Murray winning a second grand slam title - Wimbledon - this year.

Laura Robson and Heather Watson have also been ranked

in the top 50 and the men's team returned to the Davis Cup World Group for the first time since 2008.

"It's an odd thing isn't it," Mr Castle said when asked what impact it has had on participation.

"What comes first? Excellence at the elite level that draws people into the game or mass par-

ticipation that pushes people up from the bottom?

"I think it is a combination of both."

"It's a difficult game. If you learn how to play it will stay with you for life but it is not the easiest game in the world."

"It is a sport for everybody and I think the elitist perception is dwindling now."

New store set to create 30 more jobs

HIGH Street chain Poundland are opening a new store in Cowley on Saturday, which has led to the creation of 30 new jobs in the area.

The shop is in Templars Retail Park, and adds to the store Poundland already has in the Westgate Shopping Centre in Oxford city centre.

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Crime figures please South and Vale cops

SOUTH and Vale police chiefs will continue to ensure the area is one of the safest in the region despite more impressive crime figures.

The South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Local Policing Area recorded a 11 per cent reduction in recorded burglary dwellings between April 1 and September 30, 2012, and reduced it by a further 22 per cent during the same period this year.

In total there have only been 1.48 crimes per 1,000 households during the period while South and Vale has a 75.2 per cent outcome rate.

The latter figure was a 38.8 per cent increase on last year.

Out of the entire Thames Valley region, the South and Vale LPA can boast a 74.5 per cent detection rate for burglary dwellings this year-to-date.

Det Insp Paul Powell said: "The reduction has been across the board and not just localised in one area."

"We have got the right people doing the right investigations and we leave no stone unturned."

"Locking up people not only solves a crime but it reduces it which is clearly what everyone likes to see."

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The Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have been of particular importance.

Simon Snuggs and Colin Roberts were charged with a total of 12 dwelling burglaries after neighbours spotted them leaving a Wallingford home on May 20.

A vigilant neighbour also helped police with the arrest of a man after a burglary in Chilton on August 20.

Supt Andy Boyd, local area commander for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, is now looking to continue the good work.

"Whilst we are proud of our success and even grateful to the people that have helped to contribute, it is important to continue the work that we have undertaken and build on the existing Neighbourhood Watch schemes."

Supt Boyd added: "A significant proportion of our crime comes from individuals that travel to this area thinking it will be an easy opportunity."

"What we have demonstrated is that is not the case."

Room for growth as lab is expanded

A RENEWABLE energy company in Wallingford unveiled its newly expanded laboratory earlier this week.

Fugro, based on the Hithercroft Industrial Estate, works within the onshore, offshore wind, wave and tidal and geothermal sectors of the renewable energy industry.

The floor space of the soils testing laboratory has been increased by 50 per cent and along with new equipment being installed, there are plans for further employment opportunities.

"Fugro is pleased to open its increased laboratory capacity in Wallingford," said David Williams, interim managing director of Fugro GeoConsulting.

"It will support the growth in soil testing requirements from our clients, primarily in the offshore renewables and oil and gas markets, as they seek to secure the UK's future energy needs."

Mayor of Wallingford, Cllr Bernard Stone (pictured with Mr Williams), officially opened



the expanded laboratory.

"I may be biased, but I don't think Fugro could have found a better location than this," Cllr Stone said.

"Wallingford is changing and,

whilst retaining its place in history, has to adapt."

"The more we can form links, co-operate and work together the stronger the community will be."

News Bites

Joining the TA

A Territorial Army regiment is holding a recruitment event on October 15 in Oxford Road, Banbury.

The 38 Signal Regiment will showcase the employment opportunities within the army as part of a nationwide drive to expand by 30,000 soldiers in five years time.

Chefs, drivers, medics, caterers, infantrymen, engineers and signallers will be in Banbury to demonstrate what the TA has to offer.

Waste fire

THREE tonnes of waste caught fire at a printers in Bicester during the early hours of October 4.

Firefighters worked for three hours to put out the fire which involved waste products and a hydraulic compactor that had burnt out and set fire to the paper on the site.

Arts projects

YOUNGSTERS in Cherwell are being encouraged to get involved with community action projects.

Sanctuary Housing has given £23,000 to the Oxfordshire Youth Arts Partnership (OYAP) to bring together young people from the community to develop events and projects.

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Runners lace up for Palace event

By Adam Flinn

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OVER 4,000 people took part in the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) 10k and half marathon run at Blenheim Palace on Sunday, running alongside a team of celebrities taking part in the race.

This was the third time the event had been staged at Blenheim Palace, which saw runners either take on the 13.1 or 6.2 mile course through the grounds.

Among the participants was Commonwealth heptathlon champion Louise Hazel, who has a close connection to BHF since losing her father to heart disease.

Louise led a warm up for all the runners, and was then surprised with a birthday cake as she was celebrating her 28th birthday on the same day.

The 'Team Hazel' leader said: "It's been fantastic here at Blenheim Palace.

"Running alongside thousands of other people all united in support of the same cause was a really special experience and one which Team Hazel and I won't forget.



• The runners pose in front of Blenheim Palace and (inset) Gemma, Spencer and Louise celebrate after completing the run (Pictures courtesy of British Heart Foundation)

"Having experienced first-hand what it is like to lose a loved one to heart disease, I know too well how it devastates lives and how important it is that we all get behind the fight to put an end to the suffering it causes."

Other celebrity runners taking part on the day were Made in Chelsea star Spencer Matthews, actress Gemma Atkinson, opera singer Natalie Coyle and Kidult-

hood actor and director Femi Oyeniran.

BHF event organiser Melanie Blackman said: "I would like to thank Team Hazel and all of our wonderful runners, everyone who supported our runners and all of our volunteers.

"The atmosphere on the day was electric and everyone was very much united behind an important cause.

"Coronary heart disease is not beaten yet. It remains the single biggest killer in the UK and it's because of our supporters that we are able to continue our fight to find a cure."

It is hoped that over £175,000 will have been raised from the weekend, which will be used to fund research for heart disease, and help the millions of people affected by it."

Mayor's Column

Axel MacDonald

Mayor of Didcot



Welcoming the troops home

PRIDE – pride in your town and being proud of its residents.

Before the parade and medal ceremony on October 4 for returning personnel from 11 EOD and the Search Task Force newly arrived back from Afghanistan, I attended the practice session.

The troops looked relaxed, professional and in good spirits but it was the smiling and leaner CO strolling across the Civic Hall car park towards me that told me the story.

The mission had gone well and all from the task force were back and in one piece.

I was certainly proud of their achievements and the manner in which the town turned out the next day to welcome them home.

The occasion was marked with a visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne to take the salute as the parade marched by. I was given the honour of presenting some of the medals to the returning troops.

After the medal awards I was invited back to Vauxhall barracks to meet their families.

They had travelled from North Wales, Wigan, Bristol, Portsmouth and many other places in England and Wales to be there and the soldiers appreciated their families

making the long journey to witness their return.

I learnt that improved communication between the army and the families to keep them up to date with events helps relieve some of the their concerns whilst their loved ones are away on active service.

I have a great respect for the British army and am proud that the town paid honour to these troops.

Didcot is not a town in isolation as seen from the many different places its residents come from and we celebrate this in our formal twinning arrangements with Meylan in France and now Planegg in Germany.

Members of the twinning committee, the mayor and mayoress and 16 children from Ladygrove Park Primary School went to Meylan at the end of September.

Was the mission a success? The tears on the French child's face because his new English friend was going home was testimony to that.

The next big event is my charity band evening on Friday, October 25.

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Children continue to raise the bar

SCHOOL pupils in Oxford and across the county have shown higher standards in reading, writing and mathematics, according to figures released last Thursday.

Key Stage One results showed 89 per cent of seven-year-olds achieved the level two benchmark in reading, 93 per cent in mathematics and 86 per cent in writing – all up on last year.

Councillor Melinda Tilley, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for children, education and families, was pleased with the results.

She said: "I am delighted to see further encouraging signs that children at the earliest stages of their schooling are starting to make the strides we all want to see."

"We are starting to witness sustained progress in attainment levels throughout the primary school years."

"This progress is testament to the hard work of teaching staff and the efforts of children and their families."

A report also found that the Oxfordshire Reading Campaign had resulted in improvements of nearly two years to pupils' reading ages.

New swings and slides added to city play area

NEW play equipment at an Oxford recreation ground was officially opened on Friday, following local community support and a grant from the Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN).

The play area at Aristotle Lane Recreation Ground will benefit from additional swings, monkey bars and a carved see-saw.

A £33,748 grant from WREN was complimented with £9,000 raised by the Friends of Aristotle Lane Recreation Ground (FOAR), which was used to purchase the play equipment.

Chair of FOAR Professor Chris Lavy said: "Extensive community consultation for this project has given us a very hearty endorsement for the equipment installation."

"This will compliment and does not take away from the grass area dedicated to football and other ball games."

FOAR is made up of local community members, councillors, and is supported by Oxford City Council to help improve the site.

Secretary Rosanne Bostock added: "We would like to sincerely thank our kind friends and donors who made all this possible."

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As part of the initial project, FOAR undertook consultation with local school children, parents and local residents, and have worked with community charity Groundwork South to deliver the project within budget.

Friday's opening ceremony included teachers and pupils from St Phil and Jim and St Aloysius Schools, members of FOAR and local residents.

Councillor Mark Lygo, Oxford City Council's board member for parks, sports and events, said: "It is great to see the community working together to improve a much-loved space."

"The members of FOAR should be proud of their achievements."

"I hope this may inspire other residents, community groups or businesses across the city to think about how they can help support their own park, play area or green space."

As well as the play equipment, there are new benches while access has been improved to wilder areas of the site.

Brookes pays tribute to the late John Payne

OXFORD Brookes alumnus and distinguished engineer John Payne has died at the age of 90.

Mr Payne was the university's longest-standing benefactor, and had graduated in 1939 with a certificate in mechanical engineering from the Schools of Technology, Art and Commerce.

He was the designer of the first wall-mounted patient lifting device, which he named the Oxford Hoist due to the region's rich tradition of medical research.

In 2010 the John Payne building was officially named in his honour, and houses a technology lab and architectural workshop as well as office space.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Janet Beer said: "We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John, who was a great friend and supporter of Oxford Brookes."

"His ingenuity, entrepreneurial spirit and belief in making a real difference are values which we aspire to as a university."



• John Payne, who died last month

June Girvin, pro vice-chancellor and dean of the faculty of health and life sciences, said: "John was a fantastic supporter of Oxford Brookes and will be greatly missed."

"His work made a very real contribution in shaping how patient care is delivered, both in Oxfordshire and much afield."

"John's application of engineering into healthcare was significant and helped to make a real difference."

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MPs 'impressed' by £11m hospital facility

OXFORD MPs Nicola Blackwood and Andrew Smith have visited the Highfield Unit in Headington, to see the recently opened £11m facility and have a discussion with young people at the unit.

Highfield, which is run by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, opened in February this year and provides specialist services for young people aged 11 to 18 with mental health needs.

The two politicians visited the centre last month, and met with clinical and teaching staff as well as speaking to young people during one of their classes at the school.

Both took part in a question and answers session with the students, and were asked about a number of issues including mental health, the Syria conflict and where they did their shopping.

"It was a real pleasure to visit the Highfield Unit," said Ms Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon.

"The new facilities and the commitment of staff to the wellbeing of the young residents was impressive.

"I was certainly kept on my toes by the wide range of issues students raised in our Q&A, and

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really valued hearing their opinions about how we can improve our mental health services."

Mr Smith, Oxford East MP, said: "I had a really friendly discussion with the young people there.

"It was good to see the care and support they are getting too, and the high quality of the facilities."

Catherine Lloyd, assistant headteacher at Oxfordshire Hospital School, said: "It was wonderful that both Nicola Blackwood and Andrew Smith found time to join the young people during a class.

"Both sessions were lively and included lots of questions from the students. We really value the support of both MPs, who showed a keen interest in understanding the issues affecting young people with mental health problems."

The unit is based at the Warneford Hospital in Headington, and boasts 18 bedrooms with en-suite facilities for patients.

It also has a learning zone ensuring young people continue their education in line with the national curriculum.

Iffley hotel celebrates Oktoberfest in style!



• Staff and guests at The Tree Hotel celebrated Oktoberfest on Saturday

OKTOBERFEST came to Oxford on Saturday, with a night of entertainment involving German beer, music and sausages being staged at The Tree Hotel in Iffley.

Residents and guests from around the city were invited

to the evening, and were able to dance to traditional Oompah music and sample German food.

Tree Hotel managing director Kavita Pal said: "This was our first Oktoberfest as hosts and it was so much fun. We

hope to make it an annual event."

The real Oktoberfest is held annually in Munich for 16 days in late September and early October, with more than six million people attending each year.

News Bites

Kitchen fire

FIRE crews were called to a kitchen fire in Green Hill, Blackbird Leys, on Saturday evening, which saw heavy smoke fill the house.

Firefighters managed to contain it in the kitchen, and used pressure ventilation to clear smoke from the site, after the fire was first reported at 7.20pm.

Watch manager Paul Riley said: "Upon discovering the fire, the occupant immediately alerted the three children in the house.

"They all evacuated safely and then the occupant telephoned the fire service from outside."

Help wanted

THE League of Friends of the Churchill Hospital are appealing for volunteers to work in their tea bar, who would be able to undertake light duties for a few hours a week.

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Community project cash up for grabs

SOUTH Oxfordshire organisations are being given the chance to apply for grants of up to £15,000 to fund community projects, such as building improvements or new equipment.

Almost £218,000 will be made available by South Oxfordshire District Council for the grants, and is open to community-based organisations such as parish and town councils.

The grants process is divided into two rounds, with the second having commenced on October 1 lasting until December 21.

Cllr Bill Service, cabinet member for community safety, leisure and grants, said: "This scheme has always been a huge success in providing community improvements, and I am delighted to see that this second round is in place."

Projects the council helped in the first round included improvements to Garsington Sport and Social Club, installing a climbing wall at 1st Goring Scout Hut, and play area equipment in Moulsoford.

The council is encouraging anyone interested in applying to attend a pre-application workshop on November 7, at their offices in Crowmarsh Gifford.

Dogs charity wins £5k funds boost

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A BANBURY charity that trains assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities has expanded its work with young autism sufferers after winning £5,000 from a leading bank.

Dogs for the Disabled, which is based in Blacklocks Hill, claimed the prize from the Lloyds Banking Group Community Fund after people nationwide were asked to vote for their favourite local charity.

The group, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, used the cash to fund its Parents Autism Workshops and Support (PAWS) programme.

The scheme helps parents of an autistic child find out how a dog could help their family.

"The workshops enabled 13 parents to explore how a pet dog can help a child with autism," said PAWS project leader Katie Bristow.

"We find there is often a special connection between a dog and a child with autism.

"The dog will often instinctively comfort a child who is distressed, calm them when



• Lloyds Banking Group staff with training dog Zander at the Dogs for the Disabled centre in Blacklocks Hill

they are angry and divert them from disruptive or dangerous behaviour.

"Dogs can also be good role models for children.

"One parent reported their child even agreed to wear his school uniform after years of early morning difficulties as long as their dog walked to school beside them wearing a school tie."

With voting for this year's

Community Fund now open, Dogs for the Disabled marketing director Steve Billington is encouraging other Banbury charities to get involved.

"The grant enabled us to put on these local workshops and provide local families with children with autism a life changing experience, from the most unlikely of sources - their very own pet dog," he said.

"The people of Banbury are

very aware of the work of Dogs for the Disabled and we're delighted they've demonstrated that support in helping us win the grant."

Lloyds Bank is supporting over 1,500 community groups through the 2013 Community Fund.

Find out more and cast your vote for a good cause in your community at www.lloydsbank.co.uk/communityfund.

Work gets underway on 1,100 homes

WORK has begun on a housing development that will see the creation of nearly 1,100 homes in Banbury on land south of Bankside and east of Oxford Road over the next 10 years.

Developers have now started site assembly work, which involves providing the drainage, water accessibility and infrastructure ready for the 1,092 houses and primary school to be built.

Cllr Michael Gibbard, Cherwell District Council's lead member for planning, said: "The commencement of work will not change anything with regards to the upcoming Cherwell Local Plan. We have always included this development in both the Local Plan and land supply figures so the delivery of these houses will not impact upon either."

"However what it will do is provide people with completed, rather than pending homes."

The development will cover just over 75 hectares, and there will be associated facilities including shops, a pub, and a large park area.

It is expected the first 50 houses will be finished in 2014/15, and the entire site will be complete by 2024.

A second development area to the south east of the existing site has also been earmarked for an additional 400 homes, although a planning application is yet to be submitted.

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A selection of genres

Fun in Henley

THE 2013 Henley Ploughing Match, featuring seven competition classes for classic and vintage tractors, takes place at Bishopsland Farm near Henley on Sunday.

As well as ploughing, there will be plenty of other activities including heavy horse displays, ferret racing and craft stands, while teams can also compete in a log chopping competition.

Johnny Flynn

MUSICIAN Johnny Flynn makes his long-awaited return to Oxford tomorrow evening, as he and band The Sussex Wit promote the release of their brand new album Country Mile.

For more information and ticket details, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or alternatively call 0844 477 2000.

SINGER-SONGWRITER Louise Jordan comes to Oxford for the first time on Tuesday, as part of a national tour promoting her new album 'Florilegium'.

The young singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist released her debut album Tempvs in 2011, after performing and playing throughout her time at school and in local youth theatres.

She said: "I think my music sits unusually between a number of different genres, which makes it quite difficult to describe in a way."

"I come from a background of classical music that influences a lot of what I do, and the recent album Florilegium I've used quite a lot of piano and cello whereas previously I'd been a little more associated with the folk world."

"I love traditional folk songs and pieces of literature, which obviously has a folk or classical association, so it's music inspired by different aspects of my life I guess."

While the tour for the latest album officially started in September, Louise has been performing so much in recent months that it's

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just a continuation of what she was doing anyway.

She added: "It's difficult to say when the tour started. A lot of my friends joke with me and ask 'when did it stop from the last one', so I think it's just a continuing process of my life."

"I am writing a new album at the moment, but I'm still performing material I'm promoting with the tour. It's a real balance and it's always trying to stay a step ahead of the game with the music world."

"I'm away from home pretty much constantly until November 11, so I think I'll have about five days back there."

"It's a bit crazy, but I guess this is the real part of the tour when I'm in the can and away from home, just getting on with it."

Louise appears at Café Tarifa, in Cowley Road, on Tuesday evening. More information can be found on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CafeTarifaOxford.



• Singer-songwriter Louise Jordan makes her debut appearance in Oxford on Tuesday

Monty Don

RENOWNED gardener Monty Don comes to Oxford tomorrow evening, to speak about his travels visiting gardens across the world and how he set up his own organic garden.

Monty is well known for his television work on the long-running BBC series Gardeners' World, as well as French Gardens which premiered earlier this year.

Tickets cost £13 for a 7.30pm start at the Oxford Playhouse. Go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com or call 01865 305305 for more details.

Clare Teal

JAZZ musician Clare Teal is at the Didcot Cornerstone tomorrow, as she performs her new show The Divas and Me.

Clare covers a number of modern jazz classics and her own compositions, along with music from Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day and Judy Garland inspired from her childhood. The show starts at 8pm, with tickets costing £14.50. Booking details can be found at www.cornerstone-arts.org.

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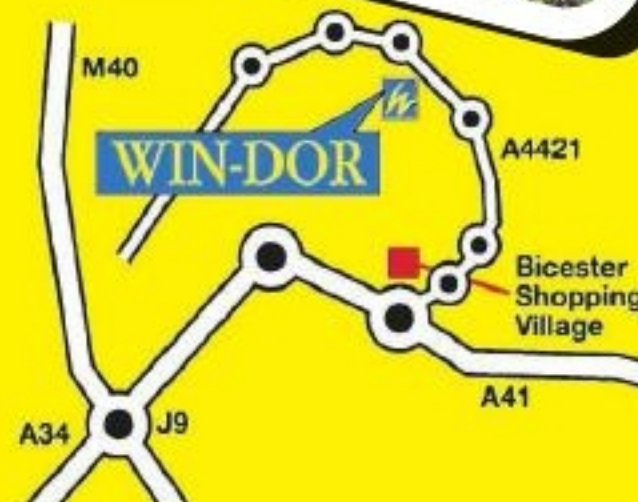
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OXFORD'S New Theatre is hosting a sixties night on Sunday, with an evening of entertainment featuring Gerry and the Pacemakers, Brian Poole and Chip Hawkes.

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Tickets start from £31.40 for a 7.30pm start.

Charity event

MIKE Read hosts a charity entertainment night in Henley on Sunday, as he stars in the rock chic evening with The Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band All Stars and others.

Held at the Kenton Theatre, the show is raising money for the Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children and the Kenton for Keeps Campaign.

The show starts at 8pm.

UP-AND-COMING comedian James Acaster brings his new show to Chipping Norton next Friday, as part of his nationwide Lawnmower tour which started last week.

After performing at the Edinburgh Fringe over the summer, James was nominated for Best Show in the Edinburgh Comedy Awards for Lawnmower, which he is now taking around the country.

His show attempts to clear Yoko Ono's name, why he's such a fan of Marks and Spencer's menswear range and the reasons why he is obsessed with Mariachi music.

"It's a low-key whimsical stand-up comedy show where the trivial subjects become the most important in all the world," said James.

Asked about what he's uncovered that Yoko Ono was not solely responsible for breaking up The Beatles, he said: "That would be telling, I present the evidence in the show."

"But I will say this. She's done a lot of positive work to raise

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awareness about Fracking, so she can't be that bad."

James grew up in Kettering and now lives in London, but he still has fond memories of his hometown, where he was inspired to take up stand up comedy.

He said: "There was a man in a red jacket who hosted the village variety show when I was 12. He was funny and made telling jokes look like an enjoyable profession, although looking back now some of his jokes were inappropriate."

As well as touring, James has also featured on television, including Never Mind the Buzzcocks and Russell Howard's Good News Extra, and presented James Acaster's Findings for BBC Radio Four, which will run for a short series in the spring of next year.

The show takes place at the Chipping Norton Theatre from 7.45pm on October 18, with all tickets costing £12.



• James Acaster comes to Chipping Norton on Friday

Hullaba Lulu

THE story of an eccentric couple who travel their strange world in a quirky land-boat is told at the North Wall Arts Centre on Saturday, in Thimgumajig Theatre's new show Hullaba Lulu.

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Neglects an obligation (6)
- 8 Spreads (7)
- 9 City state of Greece (6)
- 10 Adapts again (9)
- 11 Otherwise (4)
- 13 Took without authority (5)
- 14 Postponed (7)
- 16 Seed with strong taste (7)
- 18 Animal's nose (5)
- 19 Halt (4)
- 21 Taking a break in the meeting (9)
- 22 Medicine to prolong life (6)
- 23 Dropped (7)
- 24 Propositions (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Looking forward to (9)
- 2 Greeting (9)
- 3 Hatred (5)
- 5 Jumps (4)
- 6 Infrequently (6)
- 7 Gazed (6)
- 9 Direct (5)
- 11 Seriously (9)
- 12 Continuous series (9)
- 15 At no time (5)
- 16 Climb (6)
- 17 Ointment (6)
- 20 Piles (5)
- 21 Increase (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 An age of copper and tin (6)
- 8 Spotted the go-between who was in front (7)
- 9 Walked along, having been well filled (6)
- 10 Is the crowd, indeed, in low spirits? (9)
- 11 Escape the return of the oriental mischief maker (4)
- 13 Halts the first man in the ship (5)
- 14 Initially, George made a wrongful arrest in the attics (7)
- 16 Supervise in the bishop's domain (7)
- 18 Deserve to have met a right one inside (5)
- 19 Formerly in the New Testament, and still to come (4)
- 21 Told an ace of a story (9)
- 22 It's difficult to understand anything without reflection (6)
- 23 Willingly in the case of putting the paper in order (7)
- 24 A commercial, now a disturbed liar has it, will go in all directions (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 I've followed the immediate order (9)
- 2 Save a portion for the replacement (5,4)
- 3 In case a central part is of the smallest significance (5)
- 5 Dare to look out (4)
- 6 Small knot gathered, but no duel was arranged (6)
- 7 The disturbances caused when the editor passes on... (6)
- 9 ... and a step up for the friend who got round him (5)
- 11 Lands without restrictions below decks (9)
- 12 And here in Rome a friend is behaving in a moral manner (9)
- 15 River in which to catch the fish? (5)
- 16 Journeying - and continuing to the Chaldean town? (2,4)
- 17 Develop, though formerly soundly censured by the critics (6)
- 20 Performed like a rising attorney, and the rest going up inside (5)
- 21 Subtle emanation that can almost be heard (4)

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Ensued 7 Traffic 8 Dresser 9 Slant
10 Wednesday 12 Yes 13 Irks 15 Attuned 17 Gear
19 Sea 21 Thinkable 22 Loser 23 Nomadic 24 Cretins
25 Asides

Down: 1 Endowing 2 Steady 3 Easiest 4 Daisy 5 Affair
6 Scot 7 Trade Unions 11 Near 13 Idea 14 Silences
16 Eskimos 18 Answer 20 Abided 21 Train 22 Lack

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Incite 7 Illicit 8 Caption 9 Sting 10 Erections
12 Roe 13 Ogre 15 Dried up 17 Ease 19 Nap
21 Swindlers 22 Carol 23 Nursing 24 Travels 25 Posset
Down: 1 Increase 2 Copper 3 Twitter 4 Class 5 Acting
6 Stag 7 Indonesians 11 Code 13 Opal 14 Eyesight
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What's new on the Golf GTi?

IT NEEDS very little introduction. After all, the Golf GTi has been with us for 37 years. So what's new on this latest Mark VII?

REVIEW: GOLF GTi

By Philip Shoulder

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For the first time two power levels are offered: the standard 220 PS GTi and the GTi Performance, a £980 option which increases power to 230 P adds larger brake discs and a front limited-slip differential.

Both boast ADC (Automatic Distance Control) with City Emergency Braking, a Driver Alert System, PreCrash preventative occupant protection and Driver Profile Selection.

The new 2.0-litre turbocharged direct-injection petrol engine (TSI) pumps out 220 PS and 350 Nm (258 lbs ft) of torque, resulting in a 6.5 second sprint to 62 mph and an Autobahn-storming 152mph top speed. But it's also cleaner, with a claimed 47.1 combined mpg.

A slick close ratio six-speed

manual gearbox is standard, although a six-speed DSG auto is optional. Both have their own character.

Variable ratio steering provides progressive and smooth inputs; the body remains flat and stable even under hard cornering and there's tons of grip. Yet for a sporting model the GTi's ride is also impressively pliant: optional adaptive chassis control (£795) allows you to tailor the firmness of the car's suspension.

Overall fit and finish and quality of cabin materials is very high. The GTi's classic tartan 'Jacara' cloth sports seats, red ambient lighting, bespoke steering wheel, gear lever and instrument cluster are stand out design features.

The 5.8-inch colour touch-screen infotainment system, incorporating digital radio, Bluetooth, iPod connectivity and satellite navigation, boasts intuitive functionality. A 400 watt Dynaudio soundpack option is also available.

Slightly larger exterior dimensions over the previous mark VI Golf give a more spacious cabin. Taller occupants are well catered for by 15mm more rear legroom.

VERDICT

Volkswagen's new GTi is a better proposition than its predecessor: being faster, more dynamic, lighter yet safer and boasting considerably higher efficiency.

If you're looking for raw thrills, you'll be better served with a Renault Megane Renaultsport 265 Cup, or a Ford ST, both of which offer more fun. However, neither rival can match the Golf's quality, panache and breadth of all-round ability.



• The new Golf GTi

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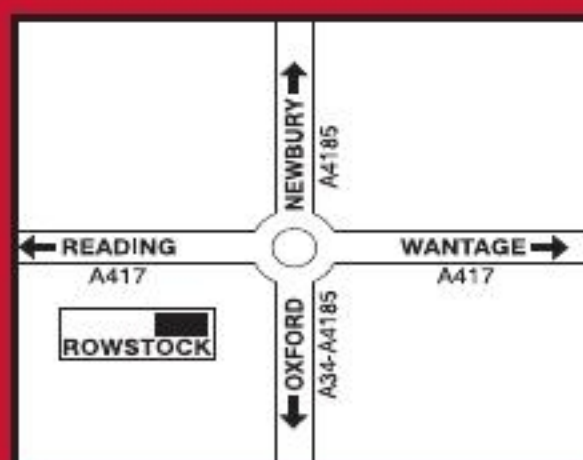
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12 12	Qashqai 1.5 DCi N-Tec, Nightshade, PAS, ABS, Remote C/Locking, E/Windows, Airbags, CD player Alloys, Fog lamps, Sat Nav, Air con, Bluetooth, Full Leather, Colour reverse camera, E/sunroof	£17,995

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- 12 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, moon dust silver met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, 17" alloys, air con, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, BALANCE OF MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, one local owner, low mileage 5,000 miles, £20 RFL per year **£12,995**
- 08 58 FOCUS ST 3.2.5 PETROL 225PS, 5dr, performance blue met/black leather trim, 6 spd, radio & 6 CD, e/w&m, PAS, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, a/c, front fogs, HFS, heated seats, cruise, one owner from new, very low mileage 9,600 miles, FSH **£11,591**
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United's young stars 'can hold their heads high'

Smith wants momentum

OXFORD'S Bradley Smith will want to follow on from his strong showing at the Spanish circuit of Aragon last time out, as MotoGP returns for the Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Smith finished seventh behind team-mate Cal Crutchlow, benefiting from championship contender Dani Pedrosa's crash on lap six.

The result means he now has a total of 80 points to sit 10th in the championship standings, 22 behind ninth-placed and former world champion Nicky Hayden.

Smith has had some good results at the Malaysian track of Sepang in the past, with two second-place finishes in 2008 and 2009 in the 125cc class.

This will not be the first time Smith has ridden the Sepang circuit this year, having completed three pre-season tests at the venue back in February.

Back then he was able to finish 12th, eighth and eighth, recording a best time of 2:01.931 on the second day.

After Sunday's race there will be just three rounds of the season remaining, in Australia, Japan and Valencia.

Rookie Honda rider Marc Marquez leads the standings with 278 points, 39 ahead of reigning champion Jorge Lorenzo.

FIRST-TEAM coach Andy Melville says Oxford United's young players "can hold their heads really high", despite the club's second round Johnstone's Paint Trophy exit to Portsmouth on Tuesday night.

Second-half goals from Patrick Agyemang and John Marquis gave Pompey a 2-0 lead, before James Constable's late strike ensured a tense finale.

The U's handed starts to Calum O'Dowda on the left wing and man-of-the-match Josh Ruffels in the middle of the park.

And Melville was pleased about how the side in general, acquitted themselves, especially in a dominant first-half showing.

"In the first 45 minutes I thought we played good, front foot football and showed a lot of desire - the older pros as well as the young lads," said Melville.

"The youngsters did really well for us, and it's a shame things didn't go our way when we were on top of the game.

"We had bodies running in behind, and people got into good holes and good areas - basically everything we talked about before the game.

"The first half was as good as I can remember for a while. I really enjoyed it.

"It was a really positive 45 minutes.

"And it was a very positive

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night for the young lads.

"They've been doing great in training and development games.

"They came through tonight and can hold their heads up really high."

Striker Constable netted his 97th goal for the club in all competitions when he slotted home, after two moments of quality proved to be decisive for the visitors.

Substitute Agyemang danced his way past two challenges before stroking a lovely shot across Clarke with the outside of his boot mid way through the second half.

And Marquis headed in Yassin Moutaouakil's tempting right-wing cross 15 minutes from time.

U's frontman Constable echoed Melville's sentiments about how well the young duo of O'Dowda and Ruffels performed.

"They're desperate to play football, and they've worked hard, earned their chance tonight and I thought they did really well," he said.

"We dominated a very good side in the first half - we had a young side out and maybe should have had one or two goals.

"I think that would have killed them off, and we would have gone on and won it comfortably.

"But everyone's bitterly disappointed that we didn't manage to get anything from the game."



• Josh Ruffels scooped Oxford's man-of-the-match award, but the U's were dumped out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy by Portsmouth on Tuesday (Picture by Steve Daniels)

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Wantage out of Trophy

WANTAGE Town were dumped out of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy on Tuesday night by Combined Counties League side Windsor.

Gary Ackling's men were beaten 4-2 in the first round but they have little time to lick their wounds as they face Holyport in the Hellenic Premier Division this Saturday.

The Alfredians are currently top of the league on goal difference over Oxford City Nomads.

As the Guardian went to print, Nomads had the opportunity to take over at the top as they faced Binfield.

Chris Fontaine's side are then in action again on Saturday as they host Ardley United.

Elsewhere, second from bottom Abingdon Town were also in action as the Guardian went to print as they made the trip to Wootton Bassett Town.

Last Saturday, Town drew 1-1 at home to Bracknell Town.

Meanwhile, sixth placed Thame United will be hoping to build upon their 4-2 win over Abingdon United last weekend as they face Bracknell Town this Saturday.

City get first win of the season

OXFORD City finally secured their first win of the Skrill Conference North campaign with a well-deserved victory over Stalybridge Celtic at Court Place Farm on Saturday.

Jamie Cook opened the scoring for City when he fired home from the edge of the area on 15 minutes.

And Mike Ford's men doubled their advantage straight from

the kick off when Steve Basham headed home Tom Winters' pinpoint cross.

The visitors reduced the arrears against the run of play after 24 minutes when the City defence allowed the ball to roll across the six yard box, gifting Sean McConville the easiest of opportunities to score.

Cook was unlucky not to grab a second just before half-time

when his 30 yard piledriver flashed narrowly past the upright.

City continued to boss the game in the second half with both Chris Palmer and Callum McNish seeing efforts just clear the bar.

Indeed, the home side rarely looked troubled as they closed out their first league win of the season.



• Oxford City's players applaud the fans after their first league win of the season (Words and picture by Mike Allen)

Plato still in with chance of the title

JASON Plato has a mathematical chance of claiming his third British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) title at Brands Hatch on Sunday, but will need luck to go his way.

At the moment Plato is fifth in the standings on 329 points, 49 behind championship leader Andrew Jordan with just the three races at Brands Hatch remaining.

Only 67 points are up for grabs on Sunday, so Plato would need Jordan to suffer some misfortune in order to have a chance at the title.

He said: "I am going to Brands Hatch with one thing

on my mind; there are people trying to win a championship but it is such a distant dream for me.

"All I can do is go there only to win. Then whatever happens will happen."

Brands Hatch is Plato's most successful track on the calendar, taking 12 wins on the grand prix circuit to add to the 10 he's won on the indy layout.

He has won six races this year, but mechanical problems and accidents have cost him big hauls of points at four races this season.

The three races start at 11.30am, 2.20pm and 5pm.



Sport Bites

Stars victory

OXFORD City Stars chalked up their fifth win in a row on Saturday, beating London Haringey Racers 4-1 away.

It means that Stars remain top of the National Ice Hockey League Division Two, having taken all 10 points available to them so far this season.

Next up is a home game against the Swindon Wildcats 2 in the first round of the league cup, which takes place on October 27.

Quins keep marching on

OXFORD Harlequins kept their strong start to the season going, as they thrashed Swindon 79-7 on Saturday to stay top of the South West 1 East.

This was their fifth consecutive win of the season so far and puts them on 23 points in the standings, three ahead of second-placed Reading.

Henley Hawks managed to win for the first time since the opening game of the season, beating Hull Ionians 40-20 to put them 10th in the SSE National League 1.

Meanwhile, Chinnor's unbeaten start in the SSE National League 2 South came to an end, as they lost 20-13 to Canterbury.

It means they are second in the league standings with 18 points, one behind leaders Clifton.

All three teams are next in action on Saturday, with Harlequins facing Towcestrians, Henley travelling to Cinderford and Chinnor hosting Hartpury College.

More Sport inside: **Motorsport:** Plato still in with chance of the title

BEN GOES BACK TO HIS ROOTS

Exiles second-row hopes for inspiration at former home

LONDON Welsh summer signing Ben West is hoping a return to his roots on Saturday will give him the chance to show head coach Justin Burnell exactly what he can do.

The second-row, who arrived in the summer from semi-professional outfit Cinderford, developed as a young player at Newbury – the venue for the Exiles' B&I Cup clash with London Scottish on Saturday.

Newbury was West's home club from the age of 13 through to a full season with the Blues' first-team, before departing for Cinderford.

"It's going to be weird going back and seeing all the old faces from when I was 18. I keep in touch with a lot of boys so it will be good to see them on match day," said West.

"Saturday is my opportunity to

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try and get some game time and show what I can do – what I can bring to the party."

Saturday will be Welsh's first visit to Newbury's Monks Lane ground since October 2008, when they were opponents in the old National League 1.

West, who has made one substitute appearance so far this season, is still coming to terms with life as a professional rugby player.

"I jumped at the opportunity to come to London Welsh. I was looking to progress and logically the Championship was the next step up after National 1," he added.

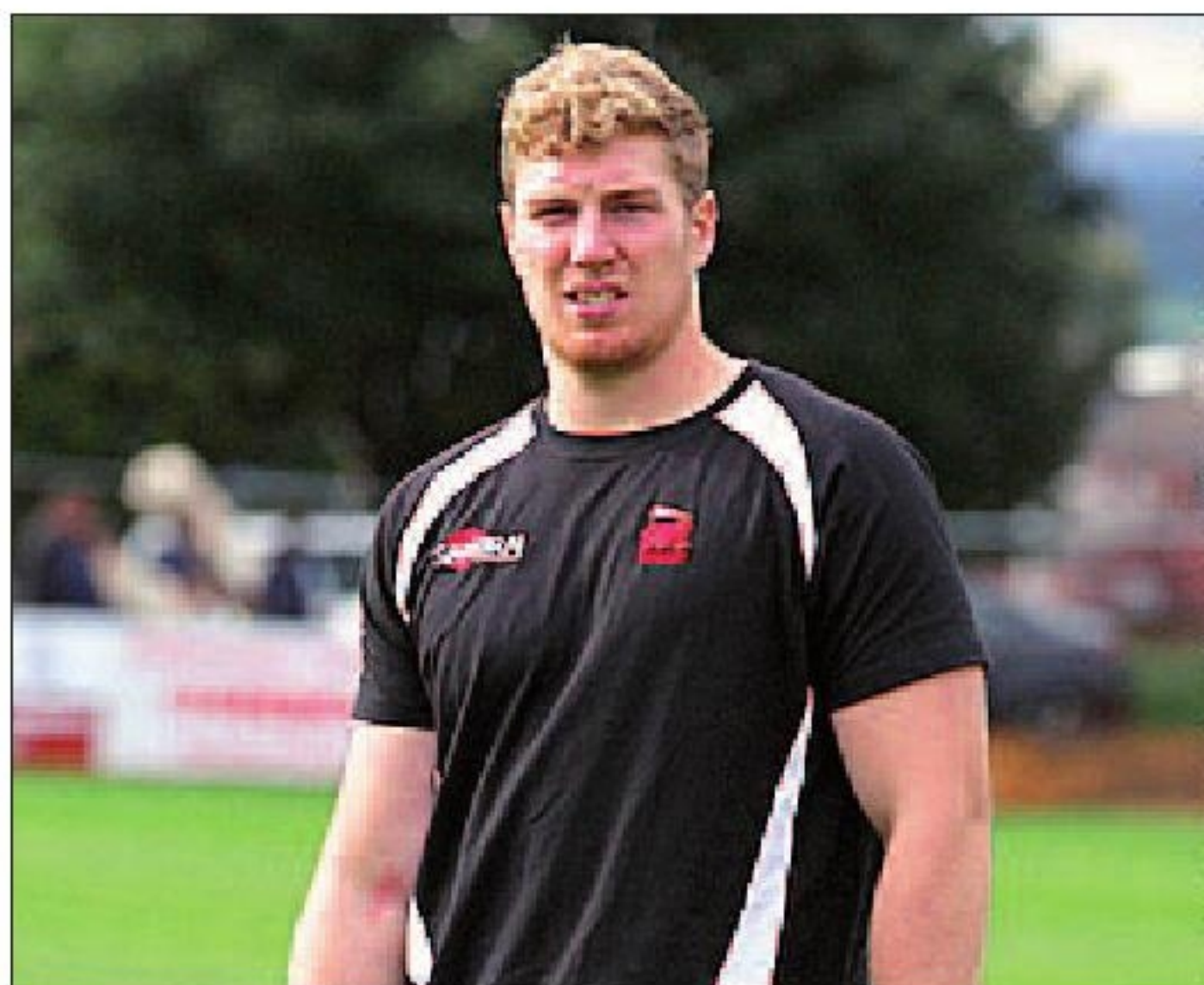
"It's really good; it's a big step up from doing semi-pro on Tues-

days and Thursdays. It's a professional environment and I'm just trying to learn as much as I can as quick as I can.

"It's the knowledge you're expected to have as well. Whereas in a semi-pro environment you can sometimes get away with not being in the right place on the pitch, here you've got time to work it all out and you have to be in the right place at the right time.

"Cinderford was a really good match – there's a good bunch of people there. I played quite a lot of rugby in what is quite an abrasive league. I had to go from being a child at 18 to playing a lot tougher rugby, but it's served me well so far."

London Welsh have won four in four in the league this season – the latest being a triumph over Rotherham at the weekend.



• London Welsh's Ben West (Picture courtesy of London Welsh)

Constable strike just consolation for United

OXFORD United were edged out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy by Portsmouth on Tuesday night.

Goals from Patrick Agyemang and John Marquis was enough to send the visitors through to the third round, despite James Constable's late strike.

For full match reaction, see inside sport.

• James Constable gets the ball after scoring in last night's game (Picture by Steve Daniels)



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